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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS WITHOUT MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability
3 of an individual that: (1) Is attributable to a mental or physical
4 impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments; (2) is
5 manifested before the individual attains twenty-two years of age; (3) is
6 likely to continue indefinitely; (4) results in substantial functional
7 limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
8 (A) Self-care, (B) receptive and expressive language, (C) learning, (D)
9 mobility, (E) self-direction, (F) capacity for independent living, or (G)
10 economic self-sufficiency; and (5) reflects the individual's need for a
11 combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary or generic
12 services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance that are
13 of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and
14 coordinated.

15 (b) On or before January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Mental

16 Retardation shall establish a two-year pilot program, in consultation
17 with the Department of Social Services and other appropriate agencies,
18 to develop and implement a coordinated system of supports and
19 services for persons with developmental disabilities who do not have
20 mental retardation, as defined in section 1-1g of the general statutes,
21 and their families. The pilot program shall include one hundred fifty
22 persons with developmental disabilities who are not eligible for
23 services from the Department of Mental Retardation under chapter
24 319b of the general statutes in a location to be chosen by the
25 commissioner. The commissioner shall identify appropriate
26 individualized services and supports for each person and the family of
27 each person in the program from among those services and supports
28 offered by the Department of Mental Retardation and other agencies,
29 and shall coordinate the provision of such services and supports to
30 such person and family.

31 (c) On or before January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Mental
32 Retardation shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
33 11-4a of the general statutes, on the results of the pilot program to the
34 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
35 of matters relating to public health. The report shall include, but not be
36 limited to, recommendations for: (1) Establishing an independent
37 council to advise the Department of Mental Retardation in system
38 design, implementation and quality enhancement; (2) establishing
39 procedural safeguards; (3) design and implementation of a quality
40 enhancement and improvement system; and (4) design and
41 implementation of an interagency data and information management
42 system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To direct the Commissioner of Mental Retardation to implement a pilot program to coordinate supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities who do not qualify for services from the Department of Mental Retardation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]